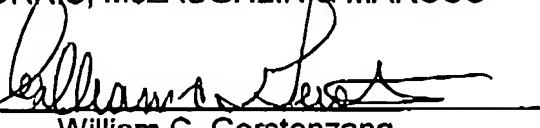


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

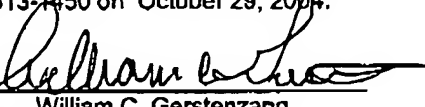
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